

5.1.12 SENSITIVITY

5.1.12.1 NAC FM SENSITIVITY CALIBRATION RESULTS

As reported in Reference 5.1.12.1-1

Reference 5.1.12.1-1 - IOM 388-PAG-CCA97-8, "NAC FM Calibration Results: Sensitivity", C. Avis, March 12, 1997

Reference 5.1.12.1-2 - IOM 387-ER-97-628, "Cassini ISS Data Conversion/Transmission Factors", E. Romo March 12, 1997

5.1.12.1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Narrow-angle Flight Model thermal/vacuum testing included the acquisition of a set of images for determination of the system gain and sensitivity. The term ‘sensitivity’ describes the number of DN produced per unit of energy input into the system . The image data were taken at temperatures of +25° and +5° C in all gain states and antiblooming modes.

5.1.12.1.2 METHOD

For this camera system, the DN resulting from an exposure may be described by the following equation.

$$DN = VL(T - t_0) + DC_T + DN_0$$

where DN is the measured pixel value
 V is the system sensitivity (in DN/radiance_unit-milliseconds)
 L is the measured radiance (in arbitrary radiance_units)
 T is the commanded exposure time (in milliseconds)
 t_0 is the known shutter-offset (a function of image sample number, in msec)
 DN_0 is the video offset or bias level (in DN)
 DC_T is the dark-current level (a function of exposure time, in DN)

Analysis so far of DC_T indicates that for the exposure used here (maximum of 1000 msec), this value should be less than one DN. Therefore, the above equation is simplified to

$$DN = VL(T - t_0) + DN_0$$

Because the shutter-offset was previously derived, only V and DN_0 need to be solved for. DN_0 could be measured by zero-exposure images, but it falls out of the least-squares fit anyway.

Images at the same signal level are combined to produce signal and energy values at 100 small areas at all available signal levels. Energy values come from the product of the exposure time (corrected for shutter-offset) and the radiance of the source. Values for Sensitivity and the Bias level are then derived at each of these small areas independently. This is done by solving the above equation using least-squares.

The 100 derived values are then compared and any areas giving values more than 2 sigma from the mean are flagged as bad. Global values for V and DN_0 are then derived by averaging the values at the remaining good areas.

5.1.12.1.3 RESULTS

The following tables report the best fit Sensitivity and the Bias level. The results are given for the corner regions, the center and for the whole frame. The calibration equipment quantified the light produced by the source in units of picoamps. Therefore, the Sensitivity values below are given in units of $DN/\text{picoamp-msec}$ and the Bias level is in units of DN. These values have not been corrected to account for the transmission of the chamber window.

4X4 GAI N=0 ANTI BLOOMI NG = OFF TEMPERATURE = +°C25	SENSI TI VI TY	SI GMA	BI AS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 017868	0. 000051	44. 177	0. 983
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 017839	0. 000077	47. 731	0. 471
LOWER- LEFT	0. 017484	0. 000078	43. 411	0. 753
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 017464	0. 000040	46. 926	0. 398
CENTER	0. 017665	0. 000127	45. 780	1. 060
FULL FRAME	0. 017682	0. 000169	45. 680	1. 600

2X2 GAI N=1 ANTI BLOOMI NG = OFF TEMPERATURE = +°C25	SENSI TI VI TY	SI GMA	BI AS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 009883	0. 000032	115. 653	0. 485
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 009873	0. 000049	117. 349	0. 192
LOWER- LEFT	0. 009666	0. 000040	115. 049	0. 364
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 009669	0. 000032	116. 618	0. 258
CENTER	0. 009787	0. 000070	116. 355	0. 590
FULL FRAME	0. 009783	0. 000097	116. 289	0. 804

1X1 GAI N=2 ANTI BLOOMI NG = OFF TEMPERATURE = +°C25	SENSI TI VI TY	SI GMA	BI AS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 008436	0. 000017	28. 107	0. 358
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 008421	0. 000042	29. 577	0. 251
LOWER- LEFT	0. 008243	0. 000025	28. 911	0. 669
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 008249	0. 000031	30. 227	0. 347
CENTER	0. 008360	0. 000061	29. 126	0. 526
FULL FRAME	0. 008343	0. 000083	29. 236	0. 734

1X1 GAIN=2 ANTI BLOOMING = ON TEMPERATURE = +°C25	SENSITIVITY	SI GMA	BIAS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 008415	0. 000017	27. 623	0. 335
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 008400	0. 000042	29. 122	0. 254
LOWER- LEFT	0. 008220	0. 000027	28. 535	0. 748
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 008229	0. 000032	29. 900	0. 369
CENTER	0. 008342	0. 000061	28. 708	0. 595
FULL FRAME	0. 008323	0. 000084	28. 825	0. 790

1X1 GAIN=3 ANTI BLOOMING = OFF TEMPERATURE = +°C25	SENSITIVITY	SI GMA	BIAS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 017626	0. 000037	56. 089	0. 516
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 017592	0. 000091	59. 262	0. 486
LOWER- LEFT	0. 017227	0. 000068	59. 066	1. 694
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 017240	0. 000064	61. 824	0. 914
CENTER	0. 017465	0. 000129	58. 631	1. 421
FULL FRAME	0. 017433	0. 000173	58. 979	1. 866

4X4 GAIN=0 ANTI BLOOMING = ON TEMPERATURE = +°C 5	SENSITIVITY	SI GMA	BIAS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 017512	0. 000127	60. 797	2. 474
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 017497	0. 000103	62. 637	0. 425
LOWER- LEFT	0. 017116	0. 000080	58. 581	0. 851
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 017074	0. 000041	61. 725	0. 284
CENTER	0. 017249	0. 000139	60. 956	1. 470
FULL FRAME	0. 017289	0. 000197	60. 879	1. 859

2X2 GAIN=1 ANTI BLOOMING = ON TEMPERATURE = +°C 5	SENSITIVITY	SI GMA	BIAS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 010307	0. 000043	114. 873	0. 510
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 010280	0. 000058	116. 496	0. 294
LOWER- LEFT	0. 010089	0. 000039	113. 624	0. 298
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 010072	0. 000027	115. 274	0. 311
CENTER	0. 010186	0. 000069	115. 236	0. 705
FULL FRAME	0. 010187	0. 000099	115. 147	0. 950

1X1 GAIN=2 ANTI BLOOMING = ON TEMPERATURE = +°C 5	SENSITIVITY	SI GMA	BIAS	SI GMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 008424	0. 000022	38. 976	0. 323
UPPER- RI GHT	0. 008395	0. 000048	40. 117	0. 296
LOWER- LEFT	0. 008232	0. 000023	39. 265	0. 654
LOWER- RI GHT	0. 008227	0. 000024	40. 360	0. 361
CENTER	0. 008328	0. 000060	39. 549	0. 479
FULL FRAME	0. 008319	0. 000081	39. 668	0. 622

1X1 GAIN=3 ANTI BLOOMING = ON TEMPERATURE = 25°C	SENSITIVITY	SIGMA	BIAS	SIGMA
UPPER- LEFT	0. 019836	0. 000053	69. 731	0. 668
UPPER- RIGHT	0. 019769	0. 000113	72. 732	0. 647
LOWER- LEFT	0. 019399	0. 000068	71. 555	1. 622
LOWER- RIGHT	0. 019381	0. 000053	74. 359	0. 706
CENTER	0. 019606	0. 000143	71. 902	1. 195
FULL FRAME	0. 019590	0. 000188	72. 097	1. 607

The Thermal/Vacuum chamber window blocks some of the input energy. Therefore, the above numbers must be adjusted for the transmission of the window. The mean transmission for the range 408 to 898 nm is 0.93227. The available data doesn't extend past 898 nm whereas the bandpass for the CL1/CL2 filter combination is 400 to 1100 nm. The Sensitivity values corrected for the transmission of the window are reported below for the full-frame case.

Gain	Mode	+25°C		+5°C	
		Anti-blooming	Sensitivity (DN / picoamp-msec)	Anti-blooming	Sensitivity (DN / picoamp-msec)
0	4X4	OFF	0.01897 ± 0.00018	ON	0.01855 ± 0.00021
1	2X2	OFF	0.01049 ± 0.00010	ON	0.01093 ± 0.00011
2	1X1	OFF	0.00895 ± 0.00009		
2	1X1	ON	0.00893 ± 0.00009	ON	0.00892 ± 0.00009
3	1X1	OFF	0.01870 ± 0.00019	ON	0.02101 ± 0.00020

Proper use of the factors reported in Reference 5.1.12.1-2 can convert these values into physically meaningful units such as DN/nanowatt-msec/cm²/sr/nm.

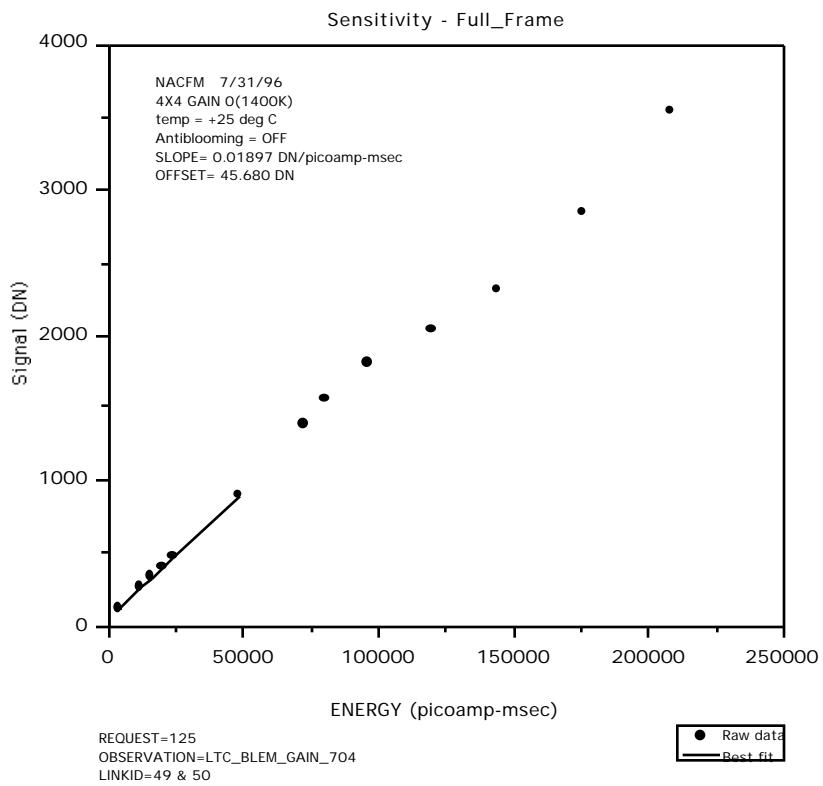
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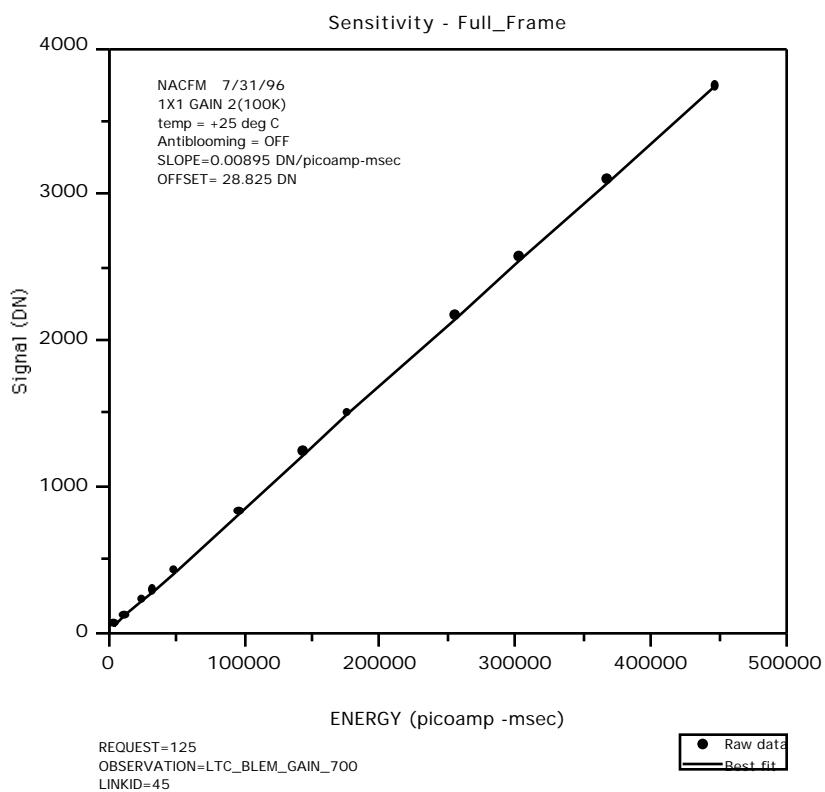
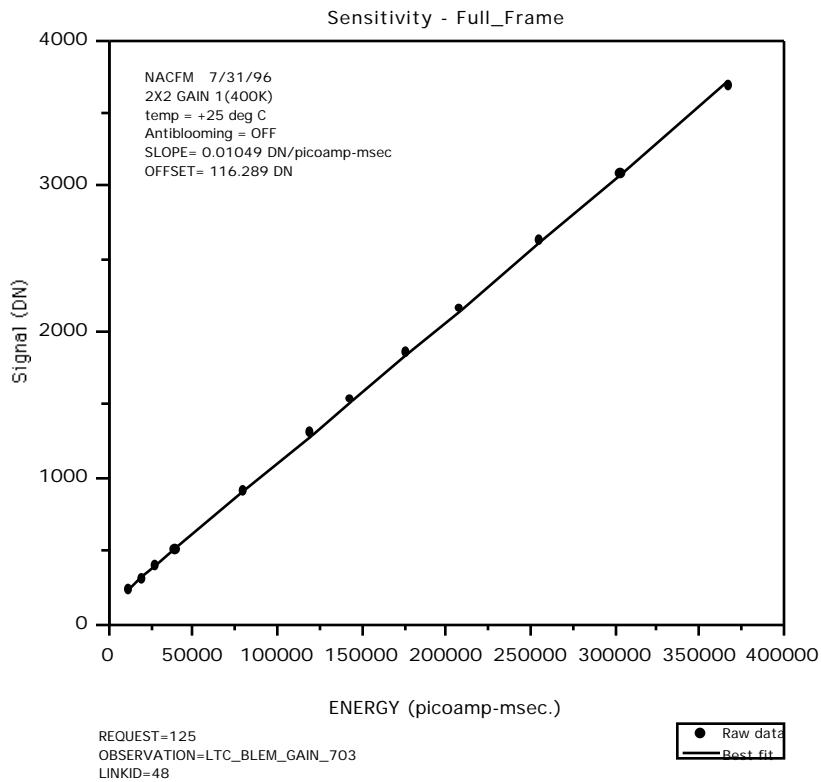
1. Due to linearity problems, the results for Gain 0 were calculated using exposure times of 0 to 70 milliseconds only.
2. Radiance was set at 800.0 picoamps for all tests.

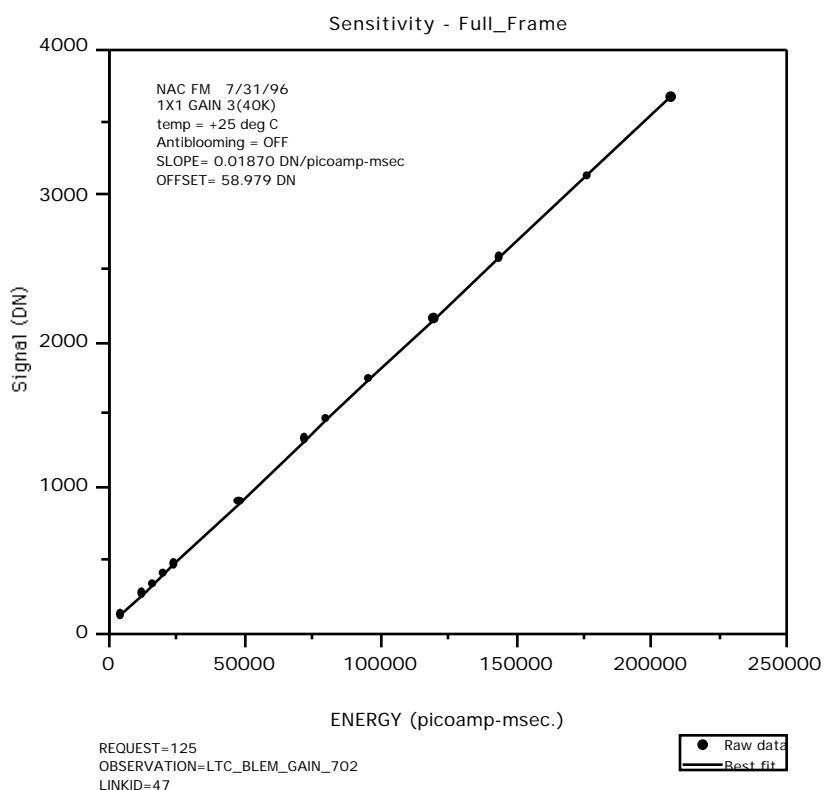
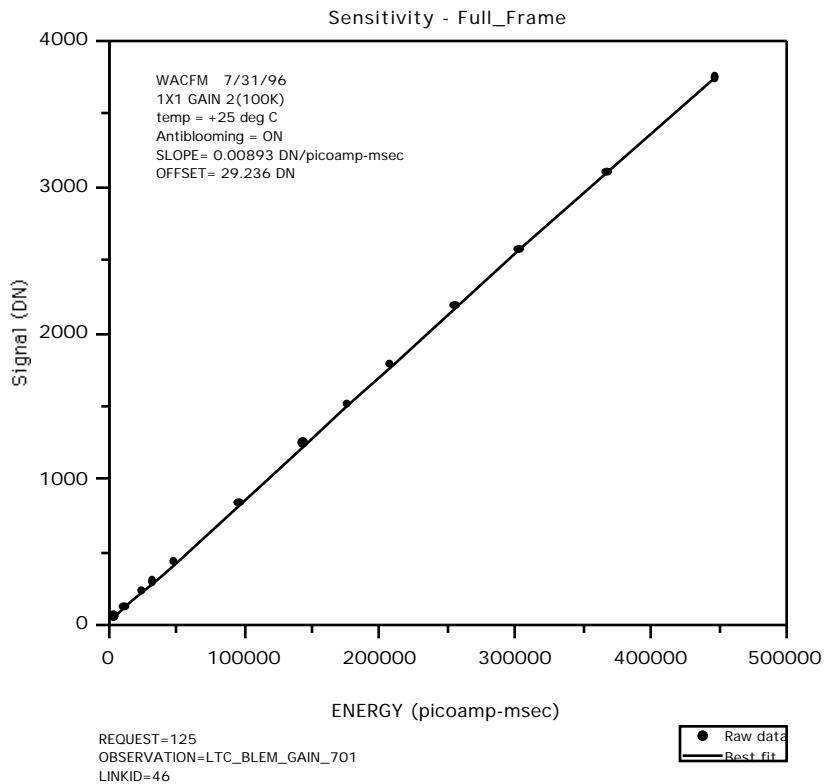
5.1.12.1.4 CONCLUSIONS

1. Regardless of the fact that Gain 0 (4x4 mode) has the weird oscillations above about 1000 DN in the Signal vs. Noise plot, the Signal vs. Energy (or exposure) curve continues to rise (although with a kink in the middle).
2. Gain state 0 (4x4 mode) for temperature of 5°C was calculated using only the first two exposure levels because of oscillations and the few exposures at this temperature. Therefore, this result might be suspect.
3. The use of Antiblooming mode had no effect on the sensitivity slope for Gain 2.
4. There is no significant difference in behavior at the two test temperatures.

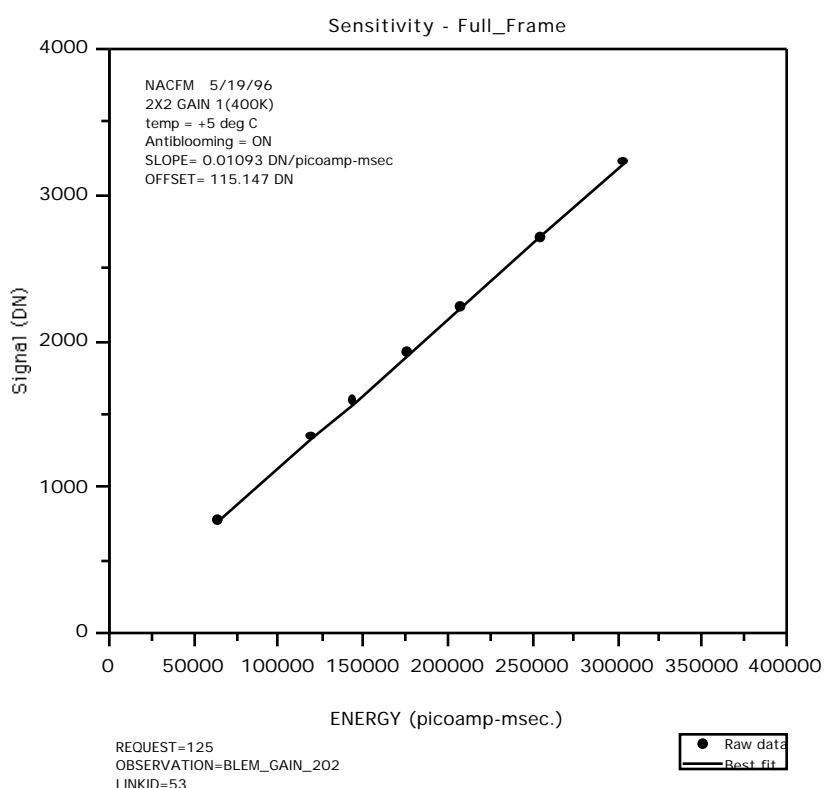
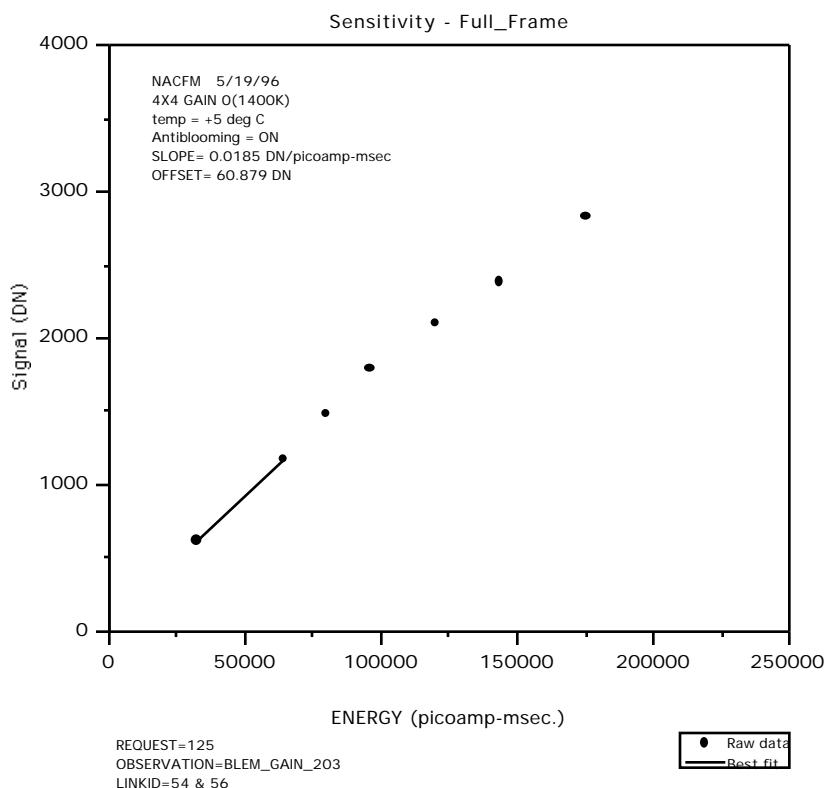
The following plots show the measurements of the signal as a function of input energy. The best linear fit to the points is shown by the plotted line. The points along the plotted line were used in the fit. Those past the line were ignored for determination of the slope.

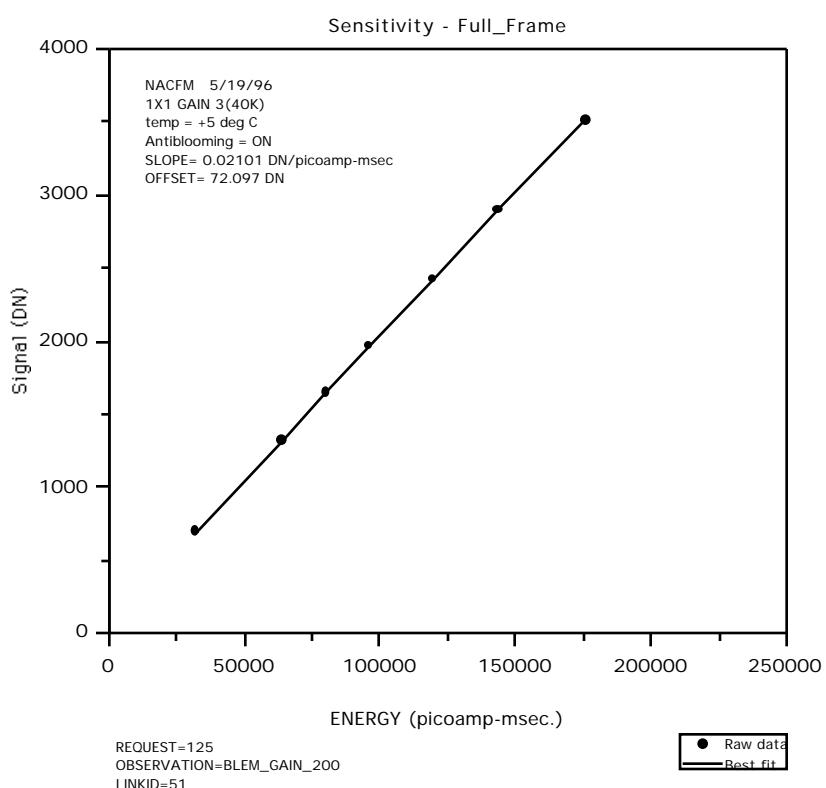
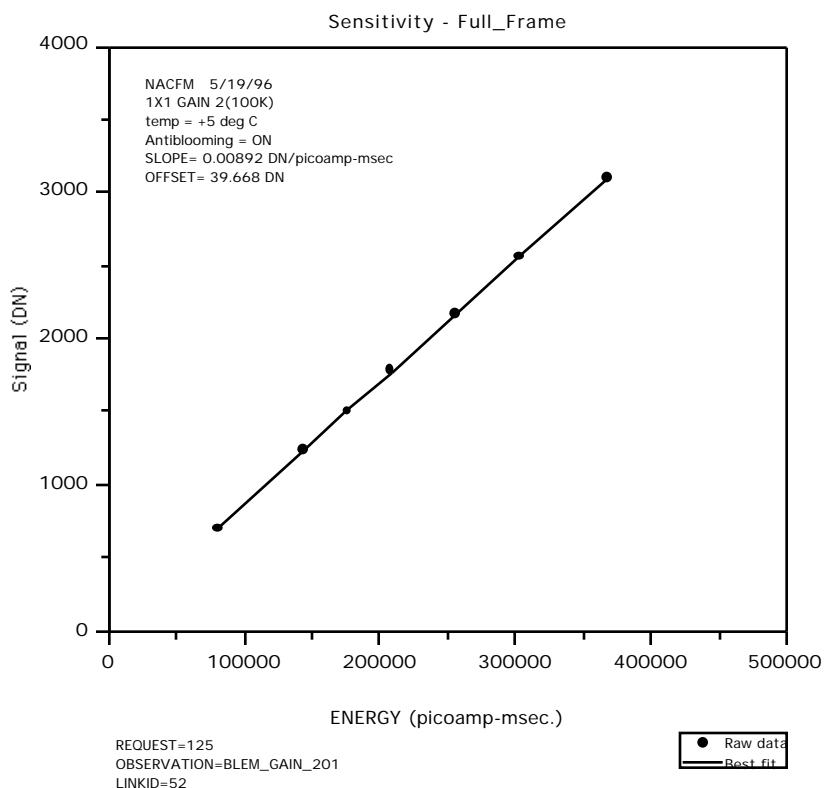






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Temperature =C5												Temperature =C5											
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